



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lately dead:**  
Maureen Michael  
Elaine Schreyeck

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Beatrice Cafon, Anne Harris, Elizabeth Meredith, Jacqueline Collett, Boniface (Hans) Kruger OFM, Albert Clifford, Jane Fulcher, George Hoyes, Jessie Turner, Kathleen Clark, James Dillon, Henry Durrell, Teresa Ennever, Jane Iovino, Alexander Lobo, Yvonne Lobo, Margareta Olivos, Veronica Allen, Bernard Blumsom, Noreen Hunt-Terry, James Saunders

### Experienced Maths tutor

Exam season is approaching! For help with Maths from KS2 up to A Level, including further Maths, please contact Brendan on 07954 272 571.

### DEACONS

The Church would benefit greatly from having more Deacons. Have you thought about whether you might be interested, either now or for the future? There is a short, informal meeting for anyone who might be interested on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**, 7.30pm upstairs in the Becket Centre. There, you will find out what a Deacon does and how one becomes a Deacon.

### SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass: 6pm Saturday;  
8.30am; 10am & 11.30am Sunday  
(The 11.30am Mass is recorded)



Join us for tea/coffee after Sunday  
Mass in the Becket Centre  
10am Chigwell Convent

### WEEKDAY MASSES

10am St Thomas'  
9.30am Chigwell Convent except on  
Saturday's when mass takes place at  
10am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30 to 11am  
and  
5.15 to 5.45 pm

### BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sundays  
of the month

### Baptism course for first time parents

26th March & 2nd April. Application forms  
can be found on the website

### Parish Council

The PPC will next meet on 10th March

### Companions meeting

Will take place at Chigwell Convent on 10th  
March. All welcome

### JOURNEY OF FAITH

Next Sunday seven members of our  
Journey will go to Brentwood to be  
welcomed by Bishop Alan into the final  
stage of their entry into full communion  
with us. They, together with the others still  
on our journey each week will come to join  
us at the evening mass at 7.30. Please be  
with them, assuring them of a warm  
welcome into our full parish life. Pray for  
them and seek to involve them in your  
activities. It is not easy to get into the full  
flow of parish life.



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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd March 2025

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 (Sirach 27:4-7)  
What we say reveals who we truly are.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Physical death does not have the last word, thanks to the victory of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel** Luke 6:39-45  
Jesus warns us against thinking that we might be better people than we  
actually are.



### Responsorial Psalm

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord

## The Heart of Synodality

Called by the Holy Spirit to Conversion Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved (Jn 20:1-2). 13. We encounter three disciples on Easter Morning: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved. Mary Magdalene is so driven by love that she is the first at the tomb. Alerted by her, Peter and the Beloved Disciple make their way to the tomb. The Beloved Disciple races to the tomb with all the strength of youth. He is the first to understand, yet he lets Peter go first, he who is the elder, entrusted with the responsibility of leading. Peter, weighed down by his renunciation of the Lord, has an appointment with mercy, the mercy which he will minister in the Church. Mary remains in the garden. She hears herself called by name. She recognises the Lord. He commissions her to proclaim his Resurrection to the community of disciples. For this reason, the Church recognises her as Apostle of the Apostles. Their dependence on one another embodies the heart of synodality. The Church exists to bear witness in the world to the most decisive moment in history: the Resurrection of Jesus. The Risen Christ brings peace to the world and gives us the gift of His Spirit. The living Christ is the source of true freedom, the foundation for a hope that does not disappoint, the revelation of the true face of God and humanity's ultimate destiny. The Gospels tell us that in order to enter into Easter faith and become witnesses to it, it is necessary to acknowledge our own inner emptiness, the darkness of fear, doubt and sin. Yet those who, in the midst of darkness, find the courage to set out as searchers discover that they themselves are the ones being sought.

They are being called by name, offered forgiveness, and, in turn, sent out to their brothers and sisters together. The Church as the People of God, Sacrament of Unity. The identity of the People of God flows from Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This identity is lived out as a call to holiness and a sending out in mission, inviting all peoples to accept the gift of salvation (cf. Mt 28:18-19). The missionary synodal Church springs from Baptism, in which Christ clothes us with Himself (cf. Gal 3:27) and enables us to be reborn of the Spirit (cf. Jn 3:5-6) as children of God. The whole of Christian existence has its source and horizon in the mystery of the Trinity, which brings forth in us the dynamism of faith, hope and love.



## Lent

### Ash Wednesday

5th March

Mass at 10am & 7.30pm

## Ecumenical Lenten lunches

The lunches will begin on **Friday, March 7th**, and be available every Friday during Lent between 12.15 and 1.30pm in the Becket Centre. Please come and join us for a choice of delicious homemade soups, French bread and butter and tea or coffee, all for just £5. All proceeds go to Mary's Meals, a charity feeding school children in some of the poorest countries in the world.



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 2nd March

8.30 Jo Fahy RIP  
10 Bernetta Mooney RIP  
11.30 Recovery from illness  
Chigwell Mary Loughran RIP

### Monday 3rd March

Monica Shrubbs anniversary  
Rita Potter birthday

Funeral 11.30 Maureen Michael

### Tuesday 4th March

Miles O'Malley birthday  
Moya Moffat very ill  
Anthony Williams anniversary

### Wednesday 5th March

10 C.W.L  
Kathleen Murchan RIP  
7.30 Pope Francis

### Thursday 6th March

Agnes Catania anniversary  
Sadie Borthwick RIP

### Friday 7th March

Joe Malone recovery  
Theresa Knight RIP

### Saturday 8th March

10 Ruth Cunio RIP  
6 Bridie O'Halloran RIP

### Sunday 9th March

8.30 Paul O'Neill RIP  
10 Angela Meyler 90th Birthday  
11.30 Derek Cooper RIP

## Church Cleaning Thursday 6th March 9am

Jackie John, Sue Mansbridge,  
Srimathie Crusz, Margaret Parkinson  
Chelsea & Mary Charter

## St Thomas' SVP Member Appeal

Our Conference urgently needs to recruit new members to further the vision of the SVP to help bring hope, dignity, worth, wellbeing and peace of mind to individuals and families who are in any form of need. A member from Chingford Our Lady of Grace SVP Conference will speak at the end of Mass this weekend and leaflets will be handed after all Masses explaining how you can help. Please think about this wonderful ministry - details in the leaflet - let us have your contact details and come along to a follow-up meeting to be arranged later this month.

## Bingo

Social bingo will take place on Saturday **8th March** in the Becket Centre. Entrance £1, Bingo Books £3 for 7 games. Cash only please. Door open 7.30pm, eyes down 8pm. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. All ages are welcome. Please feel free to come after 6pm evening Mass.

## Wellbeing & Care Services in the comfort of your own home

I work privately with adults of all ages to support with wellbeing and care. DBS checked and references available. Experienced, compassionate and confidential. For more information or a chat about your needs please contact Emma on 07808989010

## Tennis Quiz night

Saturday **5th April**. Details nearer the time. Please put date in your diary and contact your friends.